

# Certificate of Charter

Office Of The Principal Chief  
Muscogee (Creek) Nation  
Capitol Complex

WHEREAS, Holdenville Community has submitted its Community Constitution to the Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and that Constitution has been approved and found not to be inconsistent with or in violation of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

NOW THEREFORE, I, the undersigned Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Muscogee (Creek) National Council, do hereby grant an official Creek Nation Community Charter to:

Holdenville

Name of Community

Blaine A. Cox  
Principal Chief Muscogee (Creek) Nation

Aug 30, 1984

Date

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS  
OF THE  
HOLDENVILLE CREEK INDIAN COMMUNITY**

**PREAMBLE**

We the members of the Holdenville Creek Indian Community do hereby associate ourselves together, in order to form more perfect body of Corporate and Politic, under the provisions of the Community Chartering Laws and Ordinances of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, insure domestic Tranquility, promote the general welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, and for these and other purposes do hereby establish and adopt the following constitution and by-laws of the Holdenville Creek Indian Community.

**ARTICLE I.**

**NAME, ADDRESS, AND HEADQUARTERS**

**Sec. 1.** The name of this Community Organization shall be the:

**Holdenville Creek Indian Community**

**Sec. 2.** The address of the registered service agent, registered office, meeting place, and headquarters of the community shall be, to-wit:

**Chairperson  
Holdenville Creek Indian Community  
416 E. Poplar  
P.O. Box 796  
Holdenville, OK 74848**

**ARTICLE II.**

**DEFINITION OF TERMS**

**Sec. 1.** The "Holdenville Creek Indian Community" shall be referred to as the Community.

**Sec. 2.** "Creek Citizen" shall mean any Indian who is an enrolled member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

**Sec. 3.** The "Board of Trustees and/or Governing Body" shall mean the an elected governing officials of the community, empowered to act on all matters affecting the Community.

**Sec. 4.** The term "Indian" shall mean any person who is an enrolled member of a federally recognized Indian tribe, or who has been issued a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of Interior, or who is recognized by the Board of Trustees as a person who is Indian by blood.

**Sec. 5.** A "quorum" shall consist of at least a majority of the elected Board of Trustees and must be present to transact community business.

**Sec. 6.** "Charter" means a Muscogee Nation Law conferring governmental powers and rights upon a local community or agency of the tribe.

**Sec. 7.** "Chartered Community" means a legal entity separate and distinct from its members, has a geographic limit, is created by and existing only in contemplation of the laws of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

**Sec. 8.** "Chairperson" means the official head and presiding officer of the chartered community.

**Sec. 9.** "Officer or Official" means any person who is elected to an office in the Community.

**Sec. 10.** "Ordinance" means a formal legislative act of the governing body which has the force and effect of a continuing regulation and a permanent rule of conduct.

**Sec. 11.** "Publish or Publication" means printing in a newspaper which is of general circulation in the community boundaries.

**Sec. 12.** "Registered voter" means any person who is registered with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Election Board and who resides within the boundaries of the chartered community.

**Sec. 13.** "Resolution" means a special or temporary act of the governing body which is declaratory of the will or opinion of the chartered community in a given manner and is in the nature of a written act.

### **ARTICLE III.**

#### **PURPOSES**

The purpose(s) for which this community organization is formed are:

**Sec. 1.** To secure and obtain the benefits, rights, privileges, and powers as provided by the existing laws of the United States and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and those which hereafter may be

enacted for the good and benefit of the Indians or other citizens of the United States and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation administered by governmental agencies, such as relief, conservation, rehabilitation, resettlement, health care, education, economic and all other programs that may be for the good and benefit of the members of the Community.

**Sec. 2.** To promote the general common welfare of the members of the Community.

**Sec. 3.** To promote the preservation of Indian heritage, culture and tradition in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation political boundaries, the State of Oklahoma and in the United States of America.

**Sec. 4.** To serve as a local unit of government for the Community within the government structure of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

#### **ARTICLE IV.**

##### **FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY POWERS**

**Sec. 1.** The form of community government as provided by this constitution and bylaws and as provided by the laws of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation shall be known as the statutory community board of trustees form of government.

**Sec. 2.** Chartered communities under the statutory community board of trustees form of community government shall have all the powers, functions, rights, privileges, franchises and immunities granted, or which may be granted, to chartered communities by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Such powers shall be exercised as provided by law applicable to chartered communities under the community board of trustees form, or if the manner is not thus prescribed then in such manner as the board of trustees may prescribe.

**Sec. 3.** The community shall be considered bodies corporate and politic, and shall have the powers to:

a. Sue and be sued, however shall enjoy the privileges of sovereign immunity.

b. Purchase and hold real and personal property for the use of the community, however, all real property purchased by appropriations made by the Muscogee National Council, shall be assigned to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to be held in trust by the United States Government.

c. Sell and convert any real or personal property owned by the community and not held in trust by the United States Government and make orders respecting the same as may be conducive to the best interest of the community.

d. Make all contracts and do all other acts in relation to the property and affairs of the community, necessary to the good government of the community and to exercise of its corporate and administrative powers.

e. To borrow and loan money.

f. To obtain the status as the Muscogee (Creek) Nation as to all tax exemptions, sovereign immunities, and any other protections and powers as provided by Muscogee (Creek) Nation law.

g. The community is an inseparable part of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and in all aspects of the tribal government, including the affairs of the community, the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation is the Supreme Law, therefore, the Community shall never enact any law which is in conflict with any tribal law.

h. Exercise such other powers as are <sup>R</sup> of may be conferred by law.

## **ARTICLE V.**

### **POLITICAL SERVICE JURISDICTION**

**Sec. 1.** The political service jurisdiction of the Community shall be as follows:

a. General Description - Beginning at a point where the Canadian River enters the Southwest corner of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, which is also the dividing lines of the Muscogee and Seminole Nations; thence Northeast along the Canadian River for approximately twenty-seven and one-quarter (27 1/4) miles, thence due West approximately twenty-seven and one-quarter (27 1/4) miles to the dividing line of the Muscogee and Seminole Nations, thence due South sixteen (16) miles to the Canadian River, which is the point of beginning.

b. Legal Description - Beginning at the point where the Canadian River enters the Muscogee (Creek) Nation in Section 17, T-5-N, R-8-E, thence Northeast 27 1/4 miles along the Canadian River to Section 26, T-8-N, R-12-E, thence due West 27 1/4 miles to the Northwest corner of Section 29, T-8-N, R-8-E, thence due South 16 1/4 miles to the point of beginning.

## **ARTICLE VI.**

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES POWERS**

**Sec. 1.** All powers of a statutory chartered community, including the determination of matters of policy, shall be vested in the board of trustees. The Board of Trustees shall in all cases act as a board, and they may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of their meetings and the management of the community, as they may deem proper, not inconsistent with these constitution and bylaws and the laws of the Muscogee Nation. Without limitation of the foregoing, the board may:

- A. Appoint and remove community employees as provided by law, including all necessary administrative and service personnel and other assistant and such officers, agents, and employees, permanent or temporary, as it may require and to delegate to such officers and employees such powers or duties as the Board of Trustees shall deem proper and to fix their compensation, all in accordance with the plan of operation promulgated by the Board of Trustees.
- B. Enact community legislation subject to limitation as may now or hereafter be imposed by the Muscogee Nation Constitution and tribal ordinances;
- C. Raise revenue, make appropriations, regulate salaries and wages, and all other fiscal affairs of the community, subject to the limitation as may now or hereafter be imposed by the laws of the Muscogee Nation;
- D. Inquire into the conduct of any community office, department or agency of the community, and investigate community affairs, or authorize and provide for such inquiries;
- E. Appoint or elect and remove its own subordinates, members of commissions and boards and other quasi-legislative or quasi-judicial officers as provided by law, or prescribe the method of appointing or electing and removing them;
- F. Create, change, and abolish offices, departments and agencies other than those established by law, and assign additional functions and duties to offices, departments and agencies establish by this article;

- G. To enter into and perform contracts, agreements and other transactions of any description in line with the purposes of the Community.
- H. To receive, possess, administer and dispose of money and personal property of any description, in accordance to community and tribal laws.
- I. To acquire, by purchase or otherwise, construct, enlarge, improve, equip, complete, operate, control, maintain, and operate any property suitable for use as a Community Center.
- J. To plan and develop a service system, to charge fees or such other charges necessary to operate the community.
- K. To adopt such rules, regulations and by-laws as the Board of Trustees deem necessary and appropriate.
- L. To purchase insurance for any property or against any risks or hazards.
- M. To adopt a seal by causing it, or a facsimile thereof, to be impressed or affixed in any other manner reproduced.
- N. To establish and maintain such bank accounts as may be necessary or convenient.
- O. To borrow money, contract debt, issue bonds, notes, debentures and other evidence of indebtedness and secure the same.
- P. To perform any act necessary or desirable to qualify for or participate in any grant, program, benefit or services available under any tribal, federal, state or local law or from any other person, organization or agency.
- Q. To do whatever also may be necessary or convenient in the conduct of its business or accomplish the purposes of the community.

## **ARTICLE VII.**

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMPOSITION**

**Sec. 1. Number** - The number of trustees shall be a five member representative body empowered to act on all matters affecting the

community now or in the future. Any member may not hold more than one office. The composition of the board shall consist of general members only. Each trustee shall hold office until his or her successor shall have been elected and qualified.

**Sec. 2. Qualifications -** Must be a general member of the community and in good standing and must be 18 years of age or older and must be one-quarter or more Muscogee (Creek) Indian and must be enrolled as a Full Citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

**Sec. 3. How Elected -** The Board of Trustees shall be publicly elected by the membership in accordance and compliance with the Constitution and By-Laws, Election Ordinances and such other regulations as may be duly adopted by the community. A candidate shall be nominated by a member of the community and submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Board. The Secretary shall sponsor or cause to be sponsored an election to vote on the candidates for office. All votes are to be by secret ballot and the voting poll shall be open from 7 a.m. till 3 p.m. on the day of the election. Notice of a general election shall be given by publishing the notice in a publication of a local circulation and/or the tribal newspaper. The Notice shall set forth the date or dates of the election, voting location (polling place) and the offices to be filled. No candidate for office shall be considered elected unless the candidate receives a majority of the votes cast. In the event there are more than two (2) candidates filing for the same office no candidate for office shall be considered elected unless the candidate receives a majority of the votes cast. If there is any office in which a candidate does not receive the required majority of the votes, a run-off election shall be held between the two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes in that particular election.

**Sec. 4. Term of Office -** Each board member shall be elected by a vote of the community and shall hold office for a two (2) year term. The term of office for each position shall be limited two (2) consecutive terms. The term shall begin on October 1 and end on September 30 of the next succeeding fiscal year.

**Sec. 5. Vacancies -** Whenever a vacancy occurs by reason of the resignation, death, or removal of an elected board member, the Chairperson of the Community shall call for a special election to elect a new board member. The new board member shall be elected in the same manner as provided in Section 3 of this article and shall serve the remainder of the deceased, resigned, or removed member's term. If less than one year it shall not be considered a full term, but if more one (1) year it shall be deemed a full term as related to Article VII, Sec. 4.

**Sec. 6. Removal -** Any or all of the board of trustees may be removed for cause by a vote of two thirds (2/3) of the community membership or by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Board of



Trustees of any regular meeting, or by an order of the courts of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Cause for removal may be:

- A. Conduct detrimental to the interest of the community.
- B. Refusal to render reasonable assistance in carrying out the community purposes.
- C. Failure to attend three (3) consecutive regularly scheduled meetings of the Board without notification to an officer of the Board.
- D. Performing any illegal act against the community.

Any board member proposed to be removed shall be entitled to at least five (5) days notice of such intent in writing by mail of the meeting at which removal is to be voted upon and shall be entitled to appear before the Board and be heard at such meeting. After three (3) consecutive unexplained absences, the community Secretary shall notify the member of his/her removal and reason. The Board shall be notified of the removal at the next regular scheduled meeting and shall approve or disapprove the termination.

**Sec. 7. Board of Trustees Meetings** - All meetings of the board shall be scheduled monthly by the board who will designate and announce the time, place and agenda of the meeting. All board of trustees meeting shall be open to the membership except for such times as closed sessions of the board is called to discuss matters pertaining to personnel.

**Sec. 8. Special Board Meetings** - Special meetings of the board may be called by or at the request of the chairperson or any three board members. The request must be in writing and the meeting must be called within five (5) days of the request.

**Sec. 9. Notice of Meetings** - Notice of meetings the Board of Trustees shall also be responsible for making every effort to notify the public in writing of all board meetings by posting in a public place or, if time permits, by notice in a publication of general circulation stating the time, place and agenda of the meeting, the secretary of the board shall notify each board member at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

**Sec. 10. Voting** - At all meetings of the Board, each member shall have one (1) vote. The act of a majority of members present at a meeting, of which a quorum is present, shall be the act of the Board of Trustees. It is the duty of each member of the Board to vote on each issue presented. Abstentions must be so indicated in the minutes of the meeting. If after thirty minutes past time for the meeting, there is less than a quorum present, the meeting is canceled, this shall be an official act of the Board of Trustees.

In the event of a postponed meeting, it shall be held only after proper written notices are sent out as required.

**Sec. 11. Resignation** - Any member of the Board may resign by submitting a written notice of such resignation of the Board.

**Sec. 12. Order of Business** - The order of business at all meetings of the Community shall be as follows:

- A. Call to Order
- B. Reading of Minutes
- C. Report of Officers
- D. Unfinished Business
- E. New Business
- F. Announcements
- G. Adjournment

**Sec. 13. Compensation** -

A. The Board of Trustees may be compensated for their services, however, the compensation or stipends for the Board shall be set by the community responding to a referendum.

B. All travel and out-of-pocket expenses incurred by a board member on behalf of the community shall be reimbursed.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **OFFICERS**

**Sec. 1. Composition** - The officers of the community shall be the same as the board of trustees and shall be elected by the community and shall be assigned the responsibility of conducting the community's business within the guidelines and policies laid down by the board. The officers shall be:

Chairperson	Vice-Chairperson
Secretary	Treasurer
Parliamentarian	

**Sec. 2. Duties**

a. **Chairperson** - The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Board and meeting of the annual membership meeting. He/she shall see that the books, reports, statements and certificates required by tribal, federal, and state statutes are properly kept, made and filed according to law. He/she may sign all notes, drafts or bills of exchange, warrants or other orders for payment of money, along with the signatures of the Treasurer and/or the Secretary. He/she shall present at each general meeting

or meeting a report on the conditions of the business of the community. He/she may sign and make all contracts and agreements on behalf of the community, subject to the approval of the board. He/she shall enforce these by-laws and perform all duties incident to the position and office of the chairperson and which are required by law. He/she shall establish and appoint the members of sub-committees of the committee with the approval of the board. He/she shall see that all orders and resolutions of the board are carried into effect.

b. **Vice-Chairperson** - During the absence or inability of the Chairperson to render or perform his/her duties or exercise his/her powers, as set forth in these by-laws, the same shall be performed and exercised by the Vice-Chairperson and so acting, he/she shall have the powers and be subject to all the responsibilities hereby given to or imposed upon the Chairperson.

c. **Secretary** - The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the general or special meetings of the community or board by written or recorded minutes. He/she shall see that the minutes are duly recorded and approved and have them filed in the office of the community headquarters. He/she shall see to it that each board member receives a copy of the minutes of each meeting. He/she shall be the custodial of the records and the seal of the community and affix the later when required. He/she shall give and serve all notices of the community. He/she shall present to the board, at their stated meetings, all communications addressed to him/her officially by the chairperson or any officers, employees or members of the community.

d. **Treasurer** - The Treasurer shall have the care and custody of and be responsible for all funds of the community and shall have such funds in the name of the community deposited in such bank account as designated. He/she may sign make and endorse, along with the signature of the Chairperson, all checks, drafts, warrants and orders of payment for money and pay out and dispose of the name and receipt thereof. He/she provide a full financial report, at the annual meeting of the board and shall provide periodic reports on a monthly basis. He/she shall do and perform all duties appertaining to the Office of the Treasurer. Disbursement of funds of the community may be delegated to the administrative staff, but the responsibility to insure that these are properly executed shall remain vested in the office of the treasurer.

e. **Parliamentarian** - The Parliamentarian shall be present at all meetings and shall assist in following rules of procedures for the conduct of said meetings. He/she shall perform such other duties as are assigned to him/her by the board.

## **ARTICLE IX.**

### **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**

#### **Sec. 1. Types of Membership**

A. General - Shall be available to citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and who reside within a five (5) mile radius of the community boundaries.

B. Associate - Shall be available to any person, however, no associate member is afforded the right to vote, hold office and enjoy any other benefit restricted by the community board of trustees.

#### **Sec. 2. Application for Membership**

A. Application for membership in the community shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

B. The application for membership shall contain the following information: name, address, phone number (if applicable), type of membership (general or associate) applying for, and the burden of proof in establishing membership eligibility shall be upon the person applying for membership

C. The following items will be acceptable in providing proof of being a Creek Citizen:

- (1) Tribal Enrollment Card
- (2) Tribal voters registration card
- (3) Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood
- (4) Three written statements (affidavit) signed and notarized by three general members of the community, stating that the person applying for membership is a tribal citizen.

D. All persons applying for membership shall be approved by the membership committee, composed of three (3) members elected at-large, at a public meeting of the community. The terms of office of the membership committee shall coincide with the term of office of the Board of Trustees, for a two (2) year term.

#### **Sec. 3. Voting and Participation.**

A. All general members shall be eligible for all privileges, rights, and benefits by the Constitution and By-laws.

B. Membership gives the person the right to present and

discuss the affairs of the community and the right to attend any meetings of the Board.

C. Only general members shall have the right to hold office. Each general member shall have one (1) vote.

D. Membership in this community is not transferable and/or assignable.

E. Enrolled members may withdraw from the membership roll at anytime.

F. An annual membership meeting shall be held in the first week of October of each year.

G. Special meetings of the membership may be called by the Board of Trustees. Notice of such meetings shall be given in writing with such notice being given at least five (5) days, but no more than twenty (20) days prior to such meeting. The notices shall include but not be limited to: time and place of meeting and agenda. Special meetings may also be called by the membership provided a petition be signed by not less than twenty-percent (20%) of the enrolled membership.

## **ARTICLE X.**

### **COMMUNITY FINANCES**

**Sec. 1. Appropriation of moneys.** Any act of the community governing body which provides for the borrowing of moneys or for appropriating money shall not be valid unless a majority of all the Board of Trustees vote in favor of the action. The community governing body may not appropriate or draw any order on the treasurer for money unless the same has been appropriated in the manner provided by law or ordered in pursuance of some object provided by law.

**Sec. 2. Payment of Claims.** Any claim against the community must be presented in writing and verified in the manner provided by law. No account or claim may be paid by the community unless it has been reviewed and/or allowed by the governing body and an entry of the account or claim is made in the proper books kept for that purpose. Moneys may be drawn from the community treasury only upon a proper warrant as provided by law.

**Sec. 3. Actions against the Community.** No costs may be recovered against the community, in any action brought against it, for any unliquidated claim which has not been presented to the governing body for review, no claims allowed in part unless the recovery shall be for a greater sum than the amount allowed with the interest due. No action may be maintained against the community in

exercising or failing to exercise any corporate power or authority where such action would not lie against a private individual under like circumstances.

**Sec. 4. Liability for voting unlawful claims.** Any governing body member who intentionally votes to appropriate money or allow any bill or claim which is not authorized by law shall be personally liable to the community for the amount of such money appropriated, or bills or claims allowed, with costs of suit, in an action before any court of competent jurisdiction.

**Sec. 5. Annual Audit of Books and Accounts.** In the event the income of the community exceeds Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) or more to its general fund during a fiscal year, the governing body of the community shall cause to be prepared, by an independent qualified accountant, who does not have to be a certified public accountant, an annual audit of funds, assets, books, and records of the community treasurer. The audit shall be completed and filed at the close of each fiscal year. Certified copies shall be filed with the Office of the Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation within six (6) months after the close of the fiscal year. The annual audit report of the community shall contain:

- a. A statement of the scope of the examination.
- b. The auditor's opinion as to whether the audit was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards applicable in the circumstances.
- c. The auditor's opinion as to whether the financial statements included in the audit report present fairly the results of the operations during the period audited.
- d. The auditor's opinion as to whether the financial statements accompanying the audit was prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to community organizations.
- e. The reason or reasons an opinion is not rendered with respect to item c and d of this section in the event the auditor is unable to express an opinion with respect thereto.
- f. Financial statements presented in such form as to disclose the operations of each fund of the community and a statement of the operation of all funds.

**Sec. 6. Contracts.** The board of trustees may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the community, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

**Sec. 7. Loans.** No loans shall be contracted on behalf of the community and not evidences of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by a resolution of the board of trustees. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

**Sec. 8. Check, Drafts, Etc.** All checks, drafts or other orders for payment of money, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the community, shall be signed by the community treasurer and one other board member.

**Sec. 9. Deposits.** All funds of the community not otherwise employed shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the community in such banks, trust companies or other depositaries as the board may select.

**Sec. 10. Budget.** The board shall prepare and approve a formal budget for all programs and projects prior to the commencing of their activities, the creation of any liability, and the disbursement of any funds under the control of the community.

**Sec. 11. Accounting.** The revenue and expenses of the community shall be identified categorized, and reported by a general accepted accounting system or chart of accounts.

**Sec. 12. Purchasing Goods/Services.** All purchases of goods and/or services shall be made by the board, or pursuant to authorizations granted by it, and subject to its supervision and control. The Treasurer shall have the power, right and authority to contract for, purchase or issue purchase authorizations for goods and/or services, on behalf of the community, and the disbursement of funds for the payment of claims against the community as approved and authorized by the adopted community budget.

**Sec. 13. Public Information and Reporting.** All records of the community are subject to inspection by the public at reasonable times. The board shall prepare or caused to be prepared a monthly financial statement.

## **ARTICLE XI.**

### **FISCAL YEAR**

**Sec. 1.** The fiscal year of the community shall commence on October 1 of each year and shall end on September 30.

## **ARTICLE XII.**

### **PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

**Sec. 1.** The rules contained in the current edition of the Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised Edition shall govern the

community in all cases which are not consistent with these by-laws and special rules of order the community may adopt.

### **ARTICLE XIII.**

#### **AMENDMENTS**

**Sec. 1.** These constitution and by-laws may be altered, amended or repealed and new laws may be adopted by the approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the General Membership who are eligible to vote present at any regular meeting or at any special meeting, if at least ten days public notice is given to alter, amend or repeal, or to adopt new by-laws at such meetings. Proposed amendments must be in writing.

### **ARTICLE XIX.**

#### **DISSOLUTION OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Sec. 1.** Dissolution of the community shall be decided upon by a vote of two-thirds of the Board of Directors attending a meeting called only for the special purpose of considering dissolution. Said meeting of the community to be called by the Chairperson, upon approval of the Board of Trustees. Written notice of such a special meeting shall be given all members of the community 30 days prior to the date set for the meeting.

**Sec. 2.** If the community shall ever be dissolved, as provided for in the preceding section, all assets belonging to the community shall be given to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

**Sec. 3.** The community charter may also be suspended or revoked by the Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation for non-compliance with the laws of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation or civil disorder.

### **ARTICLE XV.**

#### **ADOPTION**

**Sec. 1.** This constitution and by-laws herein shall be effective when ratified by the qualified voters of the Holdenville Creek Indian Community at-large and approved by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. It shall be filed in the community headquarters and sacredly preserved as the fundamental law of the Holdenville Creek Indian Community.



**APPROVAL**

I, Bill S. Fife, Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, by virtue of the authority granted to me by NCA 83-11 do hereby approve the Amended Constitution of the Holdenville Creek Indian Community; provided, that nothing in this approval shall be construed as authorizing any action under the amended Constitution that would be contrary to Muscogee Law.

Clarence Johnson

Clarence Johnson, Chairman  
Holdenville Indian Community

Bill S. Fife

Bill S. Fife, Principal Chief  
Muscogee (Creek) Nation

Cora Ann Beaver

Cora Ann Beaver, Secretary  
Holdenville Indian Community

6-13-95

Date

Annette Lowe

Annette Lowe, Treasurer  
Holdenville Indian Community